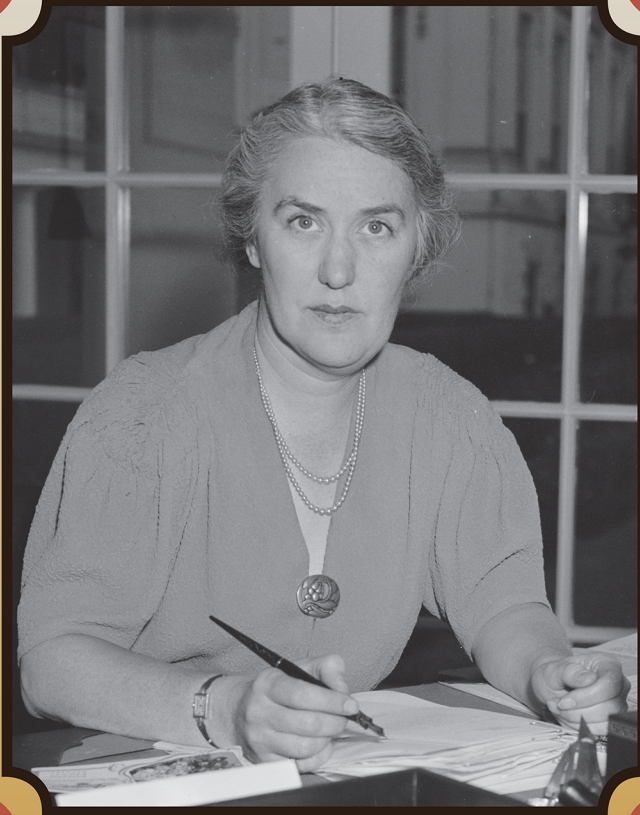


MARGUERITE “MISSY” LEHAND

*Secretary and Aide to President and Governor
Franklin D. Roosevelt*



Missy LeHand began to work with Franklin D. Roosevelt as a secretary in 1920 on his vice-presidential campaign, then remained working for him in the private sector and continued to serve as a valued aide during his tenure as Governor and President.

Upon arrival in the New York State Capitol, she became known as the Governor's

“Right Hand Woman” and was said to have told an interviewer that “Albany was the hardest work I ever did.” (*The Gatekeeper*, a biography by Kathryn Smith).

While her official title at the White House was Secretary to the President, she functioned more as what we would consider today as the Chief of Staff, providing counsel, controlling access to the President, and managing staff.

Upon her untimely death in 1944, President Roosevelt issued a public statement that said in part, “Memories of more than a score of years of devoted service enhance the sense of personal loss which Miss LeHand's passing brings. Faithful and painstaking, with charm of manner inspired by tact and kindness of heart, she was utterly selfless in her devotion to duty. Hers was a quiet efficiency, which made her a real genius in getting things done.”